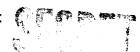
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Central Intelligence Agency

You will recall that sometime ago you called me reference the CIA SR Reports and subsequently forwarded copies for me to look at.

I have now examined these documents and discussed them with other members of the Secretary's Staff and interested personnel in the Departments. Based on this examination, I believe the Office of the Secretary of Defense should defer to the views of the Departments in as much as their interest is primary. In this office we find the documents to be occasionally of use, but it is considered that we are not the ones who are in the best position to make recommendations as to whether they should or should not be continued.

I regret that other work has delayed my reaction to your request.

As per your suggestion, I am retaining the SR Reports which you forwarded.

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Aide to the Secretary of Defense